

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of paying for a parking space using a payment system including a payment means, said method comprising receiving, at the payment system, a first payment from a user corresponding to a first authorized parking time;

supplying, by the payment system, to said user an extending code specific to said first payment for extending parking time;

receiving, at the payment system, from said user a second payment corresponding to a second authorized parking time, upon said first authorized parking time not being expired;

upon ~~when~~ receiving said second payment, said payment system receiving from said user said extending code specific to said first payment; and

automatically increasing, by said payment system, said second authorized parking time by a residual authorized time corresponding to said first authorized parking time linked to said first payment identified by said received extending code.

2. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein the parking space is identified by a number and the user provides said number during said second payment.

3. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 2, wherein said parking space number is used to generate said code specific to said first payment.

4. (currently amended) The parking space payment method of claim 2, wherein said second authorized parking time is increased by any residual time only ~~if~~ upon said first payment ~~relates~~ being related to said parking space.

5. (previously presented) The parking space payment method of claim 1, wherein said first authorized parking time is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said first payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, and any remaining authorized time corresponding to a previous authorized time relating to said parking space.

6. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein the first authorized parking time is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said first payment as defined in particular by a table of charges, and

any remaining authorized times corresponding to preceding authorized times relating to said parking space.

7. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 5, wherein only the time directly related to said first payment as defined in particular by said table of charges is communicated to the user.

8. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein said second authorized parking time after the user enters said code is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said second payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to the authorized time linked to said first payment, and

any remaining authorized time corresponding to an authorized time relating to said parking space of a transaction preceding said first payment.

9. (previously presented) The parking space payment method according to claim 1, wherein said second authorized parking time after the user enters said code is equal to the greater of the following times:

the time directly related to said second payment, as defined in particular by a table of charges, plus any remaining authorized time corresponding to said first authorized parking time, and

any remaining authorized times corresponding to previous authorized times relating to said parking space of transactions preceding said first payment.

10. (currently amended) A parking space payment system comprising:

a payment means wherein a user makes a first payment to benefit from a corresponding first authorized parking time, and a second payment to benefit from a corresponding second authorized parking time, upon said first authorized parking time not being expired,

a processing and communication means that supplies said user ~~a~~ an extending code specific to said first payment for extending parking time, and

a processing and input means wherein said user, ~~when~~
upon making said second payment, enters said extending code of
said first payment so as to increase said second authorized
parking time by a remaining authorized parking time corresponding
to said first authorized parking time.

11. (previously presented) The parking space payment
method of claim 1, wherein said user makes said second payment
before an expiry of time of said first authorized parking time,
and

wherein the residual authorized parking time
corresponds to the time between the second payment and the expiry
time of the first authorized parking time.

12. (previously presented) The parking space payment
system of claim 10,

wherein the code of said first payment is valid until
an expiry of time of said first authorized parking time, and

wherein the residual authorized parking time
corresponds to the time between said second payment and the
expiry time of said first authorized parking time.